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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDCI-Designate

FROM: John L. Helgerson
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Your Confirmation Hearings

1. Key SSCI staffers George Tenet and Jim Dykstra have contacted me to express their pleasure with your nomination to be DDCI. They indicated that Senators Boren and Cohen are both very positive. Tenet speculates that the two Senators will want you to come down and have a cup of coffee with the two of them to go over a range of issues before anything formal begins.

2. Both staffers urge that you go ahead with your overseas trip. They say nothing will happen with the Committee until at least the middle of the month. They say it is all but impossible that a confirmation hearing could be held before the end of the first week in February.

3. Tenet says certain Members will insist on questioning you on what you knew of the Iran/Contra mess. The other major item will be your views on the Boren/Cohen Intelligence Oversight bill that failed last year.

4. I have attached a copy of a memo we sent to Judge Webster prior to his confirmation that outlines the sequence of events. While you are away, my Office will prepare a new briefing book for your use that addresses current issues with the Congress and many of the same perennial reference items that were included for Judge Webster. If there are specific items that you would like us to address, let us know.

5. I will be out of the city from Friday morning until next Tuesday night. [redacted] will be available, however. Please contact him on [redacted] if he can be of any help.

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John L. Helgerson

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI-Designate

VIA: Deputy Director

FROM: David D. Gries *VG*
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Your Confirmation Hearings - Comment, Timeline
and Reference Materials

Your nomination has been received positively at SSCI, though it is obviously too early to reach any conclusions. During a business meeting today the Committee is likely to vote to send you its standard Questionnaire for Completion by Presidential Nominees.

Since a full FBI field investigation must be submitted to the White House before nominating papers can be forwarded to the Senate, it is unlikely that your nomination will reach the SSCI before 30 March.

SSCI rules normally require that 14 days elapse between receiving the nominating papers and holding a hearing. However, this requirement is often waived. Accordingly, your hearing could be scheduled either at the end of the week of 30 March or during the week of 6 April. The completion of NFIP budget hearings on 25 March and the beginning of the Easter recess on 11 April point to these two weeks as a likely window.

Timeline:

- Place courtesy telephone calls to Chairman Boren and Ranking Minority Member Cohen
- Avoid public discussion of your nomination
- Begin courtesy calls on Members of Congress

Since you are a Presidential nominee, the White House Congressional Affairs Office takes the lead in arranging for your courtesy calls.

- Begin preparing nominating papers

Prepare Financial disclosure forms

Complete Questionnaire for Completion by
Presidential Nominees (CIA can help with this.)

-- Review draft of Opening Statement

(If you wish, CIA will prepare an initial draft after discussion with you.)

-- Read reference materials

See attached list. These are available in folders in the Office of Congressional Affairs for your use at any time.

Other CIA and Intelligence Community elements are also preparing reference materials.

Review Q's & A's.

-- Attend pre-briefing sessions

At CIA
At White House

-- Review SSCI staff questions prepared for Members

-- Confirmation Hearing

The principle hearing is open; the SSCI will determine later whether to follow up with a closed hearing.

-- Committee Markup

-- Senate Floor Action

-- Swearing in Ceremony

Attachment:
(List of reference materials)

Reference MaterialsThe Confirmation Hearing

SSCI Questionnaire for completion by Presidential Nominees ☐ STAT
 Opening statements of recent DCIs ☐ STAT
 Hearings on your nomination to be FBI Director ☐ STAT
 SSCI Rules of Procedure (see Rule 5 on confirmations) ☐ STAT
 Video tapes of recent confirmation hearings (on request) ☐

Courtesy Calls

List of required calls ☐ STAT
 Optional calls ☐ STAT
 Biographies of Members ☐

Current Congressional IssuesRelevant Issues

Congressional Oversight (See below) ☐ STAT
 Covert action notification (See below) ☐ STAT
 Performance on counterintelligence ☐ STAT
☐ STAT
 Other relevant FBI investigations (FBI to prepare)
 FBI investigation of SAT (FBI to prepare)
 Leaks and the polygraph ☐ STAT

Other Issues

Proposals for a joint oversight committee ☐ STAT
 "Helms amendments" in the FY87 Authorization Act ☐ STAT
 CIA position on GAO review of financial transactions ☐ STAT
 Note on the National Intelligence Strategy for FY88 ☐

Congressional Oversight

Intelligence Oversight Act of 1980, yellowed portions ☐ STAT
 Article on the history of oversight ☐ STAT
 Statements on oversight from past confirmation hearings ☐ STAT
 Qs and As on oversight ☐

Covert Action

Article on covert action from Studies in Intelligence ☐ STAT
 Intelligence Oversight Act of 1980, yellowed portions ☐
 Samples of Presidential Findings ☐ STAT
 List of current Findings ☐ STAT
 SSCI - DCI covert action procedures ☐ STAT
 Qs and As on covert action ☐ STAT

Executive Orders

Executive Order 12333 ☐ STAT
 Executive Order 12334 ☐

Major documents on Iran/Contra Issue

Tower Commission report, yellowed portions ☐ STAT
 SSCI Report on Preliminary Inquiry ☐ STAT
 Inspector General Report: US Arms Sales to Iran ☐